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2* ACAGCGGCGT	9	2* MGB-Q-CGCCGCTG	7 G/C, 1 A/T
3* ACAGCGACGT	10	3*.MGB-Q-CGTCGCTG	6 G/C, 2 A/T
4* TCAGTGACGA	11	4*.MGB-Q-CGTCACTG	5 G/C, 3 A/T
5* TCAGTGACAA	12	5*.MGB-Q-TGTCACTG	4 G/C, 4 A/T
6* TCAATGACAG	13	6*.MGB-Q-TGTCATTG	3 G/C, 5 A/T
7* ACAATGATAA	14	7*.MGB-Q-TATCATTG	2 G/C, 6 A/T
8* CCAATAATAA	15	8*.MGB-Q-TATTATTG	1 G/C, 7 A/T
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4	T/G	AAAGTTGTGTCTACTTACAGAAA	20
5	A/C	AAAGTTACGTCTACTTACAGAAA	21
6	C/A	AAAGTTATATCTACTTACAGAAA	22
7	A/C	AAAGTTATGCCTACTTACAGAAA	23
8	G/T	AAAGTTATGTTTACTTACAGAAA	24
9	A/C	AAAGTTATGTCCACTTACAGAAA	25
10	T/G	AAAGTTATGTCTGCTTACAGAAA	26
11	G/T	AAAGTTATGTCTATTACAGAAA	27
12	A/C	AAAGTTATGTCTACCTACAGAAA	28
13	A/C	AAAGTTATGTCTACTCACAGAAA	29
14	T/G	AAAGTTATGTCTACTTGCAGAAA	30
B. Target Sequences – A'=PPPA			
1		GTAAGTAGACATAAC	31
2		GTA'A'GTA'GA'CA'TA'A'C	32
3		GTAAGTAGACATAAC-MGB	33
4		GTA'A'GTA'GA'CA'TA'A'C-MGB	34

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**Comparison of thermodynamic discrimination of mismatched base pairs formed by
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			$\Delta\Delta G$ cal/mol	$\Delta\Delta G$ cal/mol				$\Delta\Delta G$ cal/mol	$\Delta\Delta G$ cal/mol
Match	CGUCACUG-MGB AGCTGTGACT	35			Match	UAUUAUUG-MGB AATAATAACC	45		
1	CGUCACUG-MGB AGCTGTGACT	36	4250	4350	10	UAUUAUUG-MGB AATTATAACC	46	4400	5000
2	CGUCACUG-MGB AGCGGTGACT	37	3450	3540	11	UAUUAUUG-MGB AATGATAACC	47	3740	3760
3	CGUCACUG-MGB AGCCGTGACT	38	4860	4530	12	UAUUAUUG-MGB AATCATAACC	48	6630	6840
4	CGUCACUG-MGB AGCAGAGACT	39	4870	4850	13	UAUUAUUG-MGB AATAAAAACC	49	5090	5730
5	CGUCACUG-MGB AGCAGGGACT	40	4190	4360	14	UAUUAUUG-MGB AATAAGAACC	50	5920	6520
6	CGUCACUG-MGB AGCAGCGACT	41	3930	3940	15	UAUUAUUG-MGB AATAACAACC	51	4120	4530
7	CGUCACUG-MGB AGCAATGACT	42	2600	2300					
8	CGUCACUG-MGB AGCATTGACT	43	4360	4210					
9	CGUCACUG-MGB AGCACTGACT	44	4420	4610					

$\Delta\Delta G$ was calculated at 37°C.--

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CTGTAAGTAGATATAAC	53	51.84	53.23	1.39	65.88	66.69	0.81
GGCAAGATATATAG	54	50.21	49.81	-0.40	66.37	65.56	-0.81
GTGACGCAGATTCC	55	61.27	61.06	-0.21	76.97	75.19	-1.78
GTAAGTAGACATAAC	56	52.12	51.78	-0.34	64.64	63.31	-1.33
CAGGGAGCTTTGGA	57	59.9	60.22	0.32	74.39	71.47	-2.92
CACTCGTGAAGCTG	58	60.85	59.49	-1.36	74.04	72.26	-1.78
GTAAGTAGGCATAAC	59	55.74	55.47	-0.27	66.91	66.00	-0.91
CCGGATGTAGGATC	60	57.52	59.05	1.53	69.3	70.03	0.73
GATTACCTGGATTT	61	50.64	50.32	-0.32	62.29	62.33	0.04
CCGTCAATGGTCAC	62	58.66	60.01	1.35	70.13	69.91	-0.22
CAGCACGTAGCC	63	57.31	58.07	0.76	69.29	67.60	-1.69
CGGCTACGTGCTGG	64	65.19	66.01	0.82	76.12	74.79	-1.33
CGGCTACATGCTGG	65	61.14	61.95	0.81	71.56	72.99	1.43
CTAAATCTGCCG	66	50.4	48.09	-2.31	62.08	60.19	-1.89
TCTGGATGATGGGCA	67	61.74	61.95	0.21	71.65	72.13	0.48
GTTCATGGGTGTAAT	68	57.51	57.77	0.26	66.94	68.79	1.85
CGGAGGTAGGATCA	69	59.24	59.46	0.22	69.46	70.93	1.47
CCACCCGCCTCAG	70	60.73	61.14	0.41	71.43	70.74	-0.69
CACAGGAGTGGTTGG	71	63.07	64.40	1.33	72.28	72.92	0.64
CGGACCACTGCGTG	72	68.1	67.58	-0.52	77.92	76.80	-1.12
TCGGACCACTGCGT	73	65.04	66.00	0.96	74.94	75.62	0.68
AACGGGGTACGATA	74	57.93	57.11	-0.82	67.79	67.08	-0.71
CAGTTGAGATTCTAAGAC	75	60.06	60.15	0.09	67.15	67.43	0.28
AGGGGCGTCTTG	76	60.78	58.57	-2.21	71.62	72.76	1.14
GTAAGTAGGCATAGC	77	58.34	58.95	0.61	65.95	66.99	1.04
TGCCCAGCCCCAG	78	63.13	63.40	0.27	71.28	71.32	0.04
CCAACACTCGTGAA	79	54.87	56.14	1.27	62.07	63.54	1.47
GTAAGTAGACACAGC	80	59.48	58.41	-1.07	65.79	66.27	0.48
TCGGACCACTGTC	81	58.02	58.55	0.53	65.99	66.35	0.36
CGATCACGCTGGC	82	62.12	62.75	0.63	69.18	71.81	2.63
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GGTTCCCGAGCG	90	62.15	61.14	-1.01	65.75	64.22	-1.53

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Please insert the accompanying paper copy of the Sequence Listing, page numbers 1 to 21, at the end of the application.

REMARKS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.821 to 1.825, Applicants request entry of this amendment. This amendment is accompanied by a floppy disk containing SEQ ID NOS:1-90, in computer readable form, and a paper copy of the sequence information which has been printed from the floppy disk.

The information contained in the computer readable disk was prepared through the use of the software program "PatentIn" and is identical to that of the paper copy. This amendment contains no new matter.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the Specification by the current Amendment. The attached pages are captioned "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.**"

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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GTGACGCAGATTCC	<u>55</u>	61.27	61.06	-0.21	76.97	75.19	-1.78
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CACTCGTGAAGCTG	<u>58</u>	60.85	59.49	-1.36	74.04	72.26	-1.78
GTAAGTAGGCATAAC	<u>59</u>	55.74	55.47	-0.27	66.91	66.00	-0.91
CCGGATGTAGGATC	<u>60</u>	57.52	59.05	1.53	69.3	70.03	0.73
GATTACCTGGATTT	<u>61</u>	50.64	50.32	-0.32	62.29	62.33	0.04
CCGTCAATGGTCAC	<u>62</u>	58.66	60.01	1.35	70.13	69.91	-0.22
CAGCACGTAGCC	<u>63</u>	57.31	58.07	0.76	69.29	67.60	-1.69
CGGCTACGTGCTGG	<u>64</u>	65.19	66.01	0.82	76.12	74.79	-1.33
CGGCTACATGCTGG	<u>65</u>	61.14	61.95	0.81	71.56	72.99	1.43
CTAAATCTGCCG	<u>66</u>	50.4	48.09	-2.31	62.08	60.19	-1.89
TCTGGATGATGGGCA	<u>67</u>	61.74	61.95	0.21	71.65	72.13	0.48
GTTCATGGGTGTAAT	<u>68</u>	57.51	57.77	0.26	66.94	68.79	1.85
CGGAGGTAGGATCA	<u>69</u>	59.24	59.46	0.22	69.46	70.93	1.47
CCACCCGCCTCAG	<u>70</u>	60.73	61.14	0.41	71.43	70.74	-0.69
CACAGGAGTGGTTGG	<u>71</u>	63.07	64.40	1.33	72.28	72.92	0.64
CGGACCAGTGCGTG	<u>72</u>	68.1	67.58	-0.52	77.92	76.80	-1.12
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AACGGGGTACGATA	<u>74</u>	57.93	57.11	-0.82	67.79	67.08	-0.71
CAGTTGAGATTCTAAGAC	<u>75</u>	60.06	60.15	0.09	67.15	67.43	0.28
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GTCCTGGGGGTGG	<u>83</u>	65.19	64.54	-0.65	72.78	72.53	-0.25
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GTAAGTAGGCGCGGC	<u>89</u>	68.71	68.96	0.25	72.26	72.76	0.50
GGTTCCCGAGCG	<u>90</u>	62.15	61.14	-1.01	65.75	64.22	-1.53